

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the application of: Vassiliki A. Boussiotis et al.

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For: *Methods for Inhibiting T Cell Responses by
Manipulating a Common Cytokine Receptor Gamma-
Chain*

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Examiner: Gambel, P.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on September 19, 2000. A separate petition for a five-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claim 98) without traverse. Claim 98 is drawn to methods of inhibiting anergic T cell responsiveness with an agent which transduces a signal via the cytokine receptor chain; classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1.

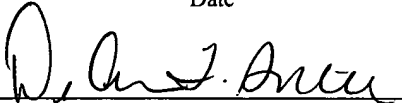
If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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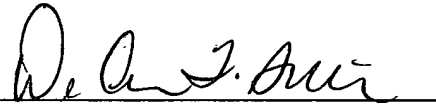


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